

Aspinall, Miller of Nebraska, Chenoweth, Hosmer, and Saund. A statement for the record was submitted by Representative Engle.

MERCHANT MARINE COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Ordered favorably reported to the House H. Res. 679, authorizing certain travel and investigatory authority for the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Joint Committee Meetings

WELFARE FUNDS DISCLOSURE

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2888, to provide for the registration, reporting, and disclosure of employee welfare and pension plans.

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC WORKS

Conferees continued, in executive session, to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H. R. 12858, fiscal 1959 appropriations for public works, but did not reach final agreement, and recessed subject to call.

PRIVILEGES OF FORMER PRESIDENTS

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on S. 607, to provide retirement, clerical assistance, and free mailing privileges to former Presidents of the U. S. Major agreements of the conferees are: (1) to provide former Presidents a \$25,000-per-year pension, (2) to provide widows of former Presidents a \$10,000-per-year pension, (3) to provide unlimited franking privileges, and (4) to provide an office staff, total salaries of which shall not exceed \$50,000.

Saturday, August 16, 1958

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed social security amendments bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17940-17955

Bills Introduced: 5 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4300-4304; S. Con. Res. 119; and S. Res. 379-380. Page 17940

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 12365, private (S. Rept. 2419);

H. R. 109, to incorporate the Jewish War Veterans, U. S. A., National Memorial, Inc., with amendment (S. Rept. 2420); and

H. R. 12808, to extend for an additional 2 years the estimate of cost of completing the Interstate Highway System. Page 17940

Bills Referred: Numerous House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees. Page 17940

Calendar Call: Order was entered for call of calendar from its beginning for unobjected-to bills on Monday, August 18. Page 17949

Agricultural Trade Development: Senate disagreed to House amendment to S. 3420, extending the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act for 2 years, and authorizing \$1.5 billion in each of the next 2 fiscal

years, and \$500 million for fiscal year 1958, asked for conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Ellender, Johnston (South Carolina), Eastland, Humphrey, Aiken, Young, and Thye. Page 17972

Farm Prices: Senate adopted Ellender motion to reconsider vote by which Senate on August 15 disagreed to House amendments to S. 4071, farm price supports, and requested conference thereon, and instead requested House to return the bill, with accompanying papers. Pages 17962-17963

Conference Reports Adopted: Senate adopted conference reports on the following bills:

Presidential retirement: S. 607, to provide retirement, clerical assistants, and free mailing privileges to former Presidents of the U. S.;

Welfare funds disclosure: S. 2888, to provide for registration, reporting, and disclosure of employee welfare and pension plans;

Military claims: H. R. 1061, to amend the U. S. Code so as to authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments to settle certain claims; and

D. C. teachers' salaries: H. R. 13132, to increase salaries of D. C. teachers.

Pages 17961-17962, 17963-17964, 17972-17973, 18022

Social Security: By unanimous vote of 79 yeas (motion to reconsider tabled), H. R. 13549, Social Security Amendments of 1958, was passed with amendments, after actions were taken on amendments as follows:

Adopted: Curtis amendment of a technical nature respecting definition of adopted child; Purtell amendment to add language on Advisory Council on Child-Welfare Services; Smith (Maine) amendment to insert language concerning Maine teachers; Long amendment to restore effective date of October 1, 1958, for Federal matching payments to States for public assistance programs; Smathers amendment providing that Federal matching percentage shall in no case be more than 65 percent rather than 70 percent; Smathers amendment on aid to dependent children; Long amendment on payments to legal representatives; and two Kerr amendments of a technical corrective nature; and

Rejected: By 32 yeas to 53 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Yarborough amendment to increase social-security benefits by 10 percent rather than by 7 percent; on division, Kuchel amendment to raise maximum amount on which formula would operate as to old-age assistance, aid to blind, and to totally and permanently disabled; Revercomb amendment giving full retirement benefits for men and women at age 62; Kennedy amendment to increase benefits by 8 percent rather than by 7 percent; Kennedy amendment to eliminate ceiling on lump-sum death payment of \$255; Revercomb amendment affecting definition of disability; Morse amendment (in nature of a substitute for bill); on division, Douglas amendment on amounts disregarded in determining need for old-age assistance and aid to dependent children.

Senate insisted on its amendments, asked for conference, and appointed as conferees Senators Byrd, Kerr, Frear, Long, Martin (Pennsylvania), Williams, and Flanders.

Pages 17955-17960, 17964-17972, 17973-18014

Private Bills: Senate passed four private bills, as follows: S. 3915 (without amendment); H. R. 8688 and 1829 (both without amendment and cleared for President); and H. R. 1494 (with amendment).

Pages 18014-18015, 18016

Coal: Senator Kerr entered motion to reconsider passage on August 14 of S. 4248, to create a Coal Research and Development Commission.

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Postage Rates: Senate passed with committee amendments S. 4191, to maintain existing minimum postage rates on certain publications mailed in the county of publication.

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Junior Achievements: S. J. Res. 89, requesting President to proclaim 1 week each year as National Junior Achievement Week, was passed with committee amendments.

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Jefferson Memorial: Senate passed S. 4085, providing for the construction of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial at the site of old St. Louis, Mo.

Pages 18016-18017

Mail Detention: S. 4287, relating to the detention of mail for temporary periods in certain cases, was passed without amendment.

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Silver Discovery: Senate concurred in House amendments to S. Con. Res. 52, extending greetings to Nevada on the centennial of discovery of silver in the U. S. This completes legislative action on the resolution.

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Private Bills Cleared: Senate concurred in House amendments to and cleared for President four private bills, as follows: S. 1542, 2043, 2850, and 3676.

Pages 18018, 18019

Disabled Veterans: Senate made its unfinished business S. 4213, to afford vocational rehabilitation to veterans in need thereof to overcome a service-connected disability handicap of 30 percent or more.

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Confirmations: Nomination of Barbara Bates Gundersen, of South Dakota, to be Civil Service Commissioner, and 65 postmaster nominations, were confirmed.

Pages 18029-18030

Nominations: The following nominations were received: Hugh M. Milton II, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of Army, 10 judicial, and 1 postmaster withdrawal, were received.

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Recess: Recessed at 8:34 p. m.

Committee Meetings

HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported with amendments H. R. 12808, to extend the estimate of cost of completing the Interstate Highway System (one amendment would provide for a 1-year extension instead of 2 years, as approved by the House).

Committee rejected H. J. Res. 654, to require reimbursement recommendations for certain highways on the Interstate System.

Prior to this meeting the Subcommittee on Roads, in executive session, recommended that the full committee take the above-listed actions.

Also, the committee approved S. 4198, to provide for the disposal of certain federally owned property in Louisiana.

FARM BILL

Senate conferees, in executive session, agreed to recommend that the Senate request the House to return the bill S. 4071, Agricultural Act of 1958.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Monday, August 18, 1958

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate cleared farm bill for President, passed 58 measures on calendar call, 32 other sundry measures, confirmed nomination of W. Wilson White, to be Assistant Attorney General, and took up bill on criminal confessions in evidence.

House passed 40 miscellaneous calendar bills and rejected bills on housing, labor welfare disclosure, and surplus food stamp plans.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 18061-18071, 18232-18233

Bills Introduced: 3 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4305-4307; S. Con. Res. 120; and S. Res. 381-382. Page 18063

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 13254, to protect the public health by amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the use in food of additives which have not been adequately tested to establish their safety, with amendments (S. Rept. 2422);

H. R. 3366, to validate overpayments of pay and allowances made to certain officers of the Armed Forces, with amendments (S. Rept. 2423);

H. R. 7499, S. 3287, S. Res. 381, H. J. Res. 675, S. 4113, H. R. 1803, 4991, 7374, 7720, and 8014, private bills (S. Repts. 2424-2433);

H. R. 6238, to amend the U. S. Code with regard to appeals from interlocutory orders (S. Rept. 2434);

H. R. 6789, providing for reasonable notice of applications to the U. S. Court of Appeals for interlocutory relief against the orders of certain administrative agencies (S. Rept. 2435);

H. R. 10813, 10993, 11299, 12144, 12154, 12655, 12906, 3571, and 9950, private bills (S. Repts. 2436-2444);

H. R. 9817, relating to venue in tax-refund suits by corporations, with amendments (S. Rept. 2445);

H. R. 9370, to permit illustrations and films of U. S. and foreign obligations and securities under certain circumstances, with amendments (S. Rept. 2446);

H. J. Res. 630, authorizing the use of certain land for the proposed Southwest Freeway and the redevelopment of the southwest area of the District of Columbia (S. Rept. 2447);

H. R. 2265, 2269, 7337, 8184, 9262, 10587, 11156, 11200, 12867, 10473, private bills (S. Repts. 2448-2457);

H. R. 8735, to increase annuities payable to certain annuitants from the D. C. teachers' retirement and annuity fund (S. Rept. 2458);

S. Res. 382, H. R. 7685, 11239, 12207, private bills (S. Repts. 2459-2462);

H. R. 13406, to broaden the powers of the D. C. Redevelopment Land Agency (S. Rept. 2463);

H. R. 4073, 5584, 7178, 8496, 10733, 11817, 13437, private bills (S. Repts. 2464-2470);

H. J. Res. 557, providing for the establishment of a Civil War Centennial Commission, with amendment (S. Rept. 2471);

S. Res. 379 and H. R. 3193, private bills (S. Repts. 2472-2473); and

S. Res. 378, authorizing additional \$15,000 for use of the Internal Security Subcommittee (no written report). Pages 18062-18063, 18232-18233

Call of Calendar: On call of calendar for unobjected-to bills, Senate passed 58 measures, of which 18 were private:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

Harbors—New York and Hampton Roads: H. R. 11697, relating to the prevention of obstructions and injurious deposits in the harbors of New York and Hampton Roads;